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FORD & CO.

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HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING  
CORPORATION.

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No. 1, Queen's Road East,  
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Local Bills discounted, and Interest  
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CHINA SUGAR REFINING  
COMPANY, LIMITED.

THIS REFINERY MANUFACTURES

L OAF SUGAR, (in 5, 10, and 15 lbs.  
Loaves.)

CUT LOAF SUGAR.

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CRYSTALLIZED SUGAR, mark C. S. R.  
(in diamond) 4 LBS.

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(in diamond) 4 LBS.

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MOLASSES.

SPRITS OF WINE and LAMP SPIRIT.

RUM, 45°, 50°, O. P., and Naval

ANIMAL CHARCOAL and DUST.

AMMONIACAL LIQUOR, from Bone,

BONE TAR (a preventive of white ants).

ROUGH BONE TALLOW.

Packed in Quantities and Packages to suit  
Customers.

Particulars and Prices on application to  
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CHINA SUGAR REFINING CO., LIMITED.

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Hongkong.

March 8, 1878.

For Sale.

LAMMERT, ATKINSON & CO.

HAVE FOR SALE.

VEYRON'S FRENCH COFFEE  
MACHINES, Assorted Sizes, New

System, with Automatic Lamp,

COFFEE ROASTERS, and COFFEE

MILLS.

SETS OF GARDENING UTENSILS.

GENT'S TOOL CHESTS.

MASSEY PATENT LOGS.

METALLIC MEASURING TAPEs.

STRONG LEATHER CASES.

SPIRIT LEVELS, HAMMERS,

DOG COLLARS and CHAINS.

SAILORS' SEWING, and ROPING

PALMS.

COPPER SIGNAL LAMPS, & MAST-

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Lenses according to the latest Admiralty

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DIOPTRIC LENSES for Signal Lamps.

PORTHOLE GLASSES, assorted sizes.

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MANIFOLD WRITERS.

LETTER SCALES.

STATIONERY of ALL KINDS.

BROWN WRAPPING PAPER.

CARD BOARD, assorted Colours.

DATE RACKS, INVOICE FILES.

QUELL PEN-MAKING MACHINES.

UNDERWOOD'S BLACK WRITING

INK, MAUVE INK.

MAYNARD & NOYES' WRITING and

COPYING INK.

MULLIGAN, &c., &c., &c.

KELLY & WALSH'S CELEBRATED SMOKING MIXTURE,

and

HAPPY THOUGHT TOBACCO.

Very Fine MANILA CIGARS, CIGA-  
RETTEs, &c., &c.

BARCLAY & PERKINS' PORTER, in Hhds.

and Kilderkins.

FINEST CHERBOURG BUTTER, in

Bottles.

Hongkong, May 6, 1878.

FOR SALE.

COKE and TAR in Quantities to suit

Purchasers, at CHEAP RATES.

Apply to

GAS COMPANY,

West Point.

Hongkong, June 19, 1878.

For Sale.

EX-LATE ARRIVALS.

DRAWING PAPER.

FABRE'S EAU DE COLOGNE,  
TRACING PAPER and CLOTH.

RED INK for STEEL PENS.

BASS'S ALE and GUINNESS'S STOUT,  
bottled by Foster.

PRICKLY HEAT SOAP.

SUMMER SOCKS.

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NEW SHIRTS and COLLARS.

GRAPHOSCOPES.

STUDENT'S DICTIONARIES.

For Sale.

PEN-MAKING MACHINES.

CARBOLIC ACID.

NEW PLAYING CARDS.

IRIDESCENT FLOWER VASES.

IRIDESCENT SPECIMEN GLASSES.

FLOWER TROUGHS.

ELECTRO-PLATED WARE.

AMERICAN ICE PITCHERS.

TABLE CUTLERY.

GOLD LEAF TOBACCO.

THE NEW LIFE JACKET.

G. B. D. PIPES.

IRISH CONSTABULARY REVOLVERS.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

HAVE JUST RECEIVED THEIR SUPPLY OF THE NEW SEASON'S

CUMSHAW MIXTURE.

This well-known and delicious Tea, is a most acceptable present to home friends, and is delivered free of all charge or duty to any part of Great Britain, at \$8 per 5 Catty and \$14 per 10 Catty Box.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

Hongkong, June 24, 1878.

Intimations.

G. FALCONER & Co.,  
WATCH AND CHRONOMETER  
MANUFACTURERS,

AND

JEWELLERS.

NAUTICAL INSTRUMENTS, CHARTS  
AND BOOKS.

48, Queen's Road Central.

Hongkong, June 20, 1878. jy20

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

VALUABLE LAND AND GODOWNS,  
&c

## Notices of Firms.

## NOTICE.

THE Interest and Responsibility of Mr. EDWARD CUNNINGHAM in our Firm in Hongkong and China, CEASED on the 31st December last.

RUSSELL &amp; Co.

China, March 8, 1878.

## NOTICE.

THE Interest and Responsibility of Mr. ARTHUR CHART in our Firm CEASED on the 31st December last.

J. INGLIS &amp; Co.

Hongkong, June 13, 1878.

## NOTICE.

THE Interest and Responsibility of Mr. S. J. DAVID in our Firm at this Port, and in China, CEASED on the 31st December, 1875.

E. D. SASOON &amp; Co.

Hongkong, June 14, 1878.

## NOTICE.

THE S. S. *Venice* having arrived from the above Port, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods, with the exception of Opium, are being landed at their risk into the Godown of the Undersigned, whence and/or from the wharves, or Boats delivery may be obtained.

Cargo remaining undelivered after 10th Instant will be subject to rent. No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

JARDINE, MATHERSON &amp; Co.

Hongkong, July 8, 1878.

## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE Consignees of the undelivered Cargo are hereby informed that unless the same be taken delivery of within one month from this Date it will be sold to defray expenses.

A B 1/2, 2 Cases MUSKETS,  
Ex "Oxfordshire"  
from London, 3rd March, 1876.

JARDINE, MATHERSON &amp; Co.

Hongkong, June 29, 1878.

## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE British S. S. *Japan*, Captain H. De Smet, having arrived from the above Port, Consignees of Cargo by her are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for counter-signature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods.

Cargo impeding her discharge will be at once landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

DAVID SASOON, SONS & Co.,  
Agents.

Hongkong, July 5, 1878.

## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

CONSIGNNEES of the following Cargo are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for counter-signature, and take immediate delivery. This Cargo has been landed and stored at their risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

H. du POUZY,  
Agent.

Ex "Amazon."

HH 1596. The Tide Surveyor, 4 casks  
F. I. M. Cutoms, Canton Wine, from  
TH 1644, Mr. L. Thévenin  
1 case Ink, Marseilles  
Hongkong, June 29, 1878.

## INTIMATIONS.

HONGKONG ICE COMPANY.

## NOTICE.

WE Beg to intimate that, during the months of July, August and September, the Price of ICE will be 2½ Cents per lb. The smallest quantity sold 4 pounds.

As the demand at present is more than we can meet, and will be heavier during the above months, we have decided upon this advance in price solely with the object of keeping the consumption within the producing power of our present machinery, and so endeavouring to give all consumers a share, as soon as we feel the demand falling off, the price will be reduced again to the usual 2 cents per pound.

While thanking the Community for the support they have hitherto accorded us, we trust they will bear with us at this time in our efforts to meet the wants of all, as next year, with the addition of our new Machinery, there will be no lack of supplies, and consequently no necessity for going beyond the charge of 2 Cents per lb.

E. T. &amp; B. BAIN.

Hongkong, June 27, 1878.

## NOT Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor Owners will be responsible for any Debts contracted by the Officers or Crew of the following Vessels, during their stay in Hongkong Harbour:

ADMIRAL LOWAY, British barque, Captain B. Galea—Vogel, Haegendorf &amp; Co.

MASTER BROCKELMANN, German barque, Captain Kluth—Meyer &amp; Co.

JEAN PIERRE, French barque, Captain Legasse—Caronius &amp; Co.

SIREN, German barque, Captain S. L. B. Borremans—Wm. Purcell &amp; Co.

KATE TATHAM, British barque, Captain Pottetly—Birney &amp; Co.

JULIAZ, German 8-m. scho. br., Captain J. Oestmann—Wm. Pustau &amp; Co.

FOR SALE, FREIGHT OR CHARTER.

THE 80 &amp; 1 BRITISH STEAMSHIP

"ARGENTINA,"

215 Tons Burden (1428 Tons Gross).

For Particulars, apply to the Captain or

Board.

Hongkong, June 6, 1878.

## To-day's Advertisements.

THEATRE ROYAL,

CITY HALL,  
HONGKONG.DAVE CARSON'S  
MINSTREL,  
VARIETY AND COMEDY  
COMPANY,  
WILL HAVE THE HONOUR OF  
GIVING ANOTHER OF THEIR SPARKLING  
ENTERTAINMENTS,  
**THIS EVENING,**  
8th JULY, 1878.THE GREATEST BILL OF THE SERIES.  
COMEDIE / VARIETY / BURLESQUE!!!

MR. CARSON will have the Honour to produce an Original Version of the Burlesque Tragedy Opera,

"BOMBASTES FURIOSO,"

Introducing the GREAT WAR SONG  
"WE DONT WANT TO FIGHT."DAVE CARSON,  
WILL POSITIVELY  
APPEAR IN HIS Great Impersonation of  
THE BENGALEE BABOO.

PROGRAMME :

COMEDIE /

An Evening's Entertainment will commence with

"A STORM IN A TEA CUP."

Mr. Felix Summerly—Mr. J. R. Ferrell

Mrs. Felix Summerly—Mrs. NOVILLE,

Their Respected Parent—

Their Jewel of a Servant—

LITTLE ETIA.

An Interval of Five Minutes.

FAIR SECOND,

FAIRIE TYI /

ETTA,

JACK BOWLING,

with NAUTICAL SONG AND HORNPPIPE.

Ballad... { AT THE DOOR }...Glowr.

Mr. GEO. NORVILLE.

Tyrellene—"VARIATIONS DE HUMMEL,"

Mrs. CARSON.

To be followed by

DAVE CARSON

IN

HIS LIVING PHOTOGRAPH OF THE

BENGALEE BABOO.

An Interval of Ten Minutes.

PART THIRD,

THE EVENING'S ENTERTAINMENT

WILL CONCLUDE

WITH THE BURLESQUE TRAGEDY OPERA,

entitled

"BOMBASTES FURIOSO."

CHARACTERS.

Artaxomedon (King) Mrs. NOVILLE.

General Bombarde. Mr. J. B. FERRELL

Fubos (Minister of State) Mr. GEO. NORVILLE.

Couriers Messrs. ARNOULD and CHASE.

DISTAFFINA Little ETIA.

TROOPS, MILITARY BAND AND VETERANS, by A HOST OF AUXILIARIES.

MUSIC, SONGS, AND DANCES INTRODUCED IN THE BURLESQUE:

Overture—"Tan" Mrs. CARSON and credit—

MR. ST. CLAIR.

Song—"Nil Desperandum" Mr. J. E. ARNOLD.

Duet—"Genevieve de Brabant" Mrs. NOVILLE and FERRELL.

Serio-Comic Song—"It is an" Mrs. NOVILLE.

DOUBLE SONG AND DANCE "M. O. N. S. T. R. U. G. K." Mrs. NOVILLE and LITTLE ETIA.

A PARADE WITH RIFLES AND SIDE ARMS will take place on WEDNESDAY Next, the 10th instant, at 5.30 p.m. on the Royal Artillery Parade Ground, North Barracks.

Dress for Artillery and Infantry WHITE CLOTHING AND HELMETS.

It is requested that all Members will attend punctually at 5.30, and that those who keep their Rifles, &amp;c. at the Orderly Room will obtain them before 5 o'clock p.m. on that date.

It is notified that No. 45 Gunne William GOULBURN is appointed Orderly Room Clerk from the 22nd May last.

T. C. DEMPSTER, Captain 28th Regiment, Commandant H. K. V.

ORDERLY ROOM, July 8, 1878.

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Volume Sixth of the CHINA REVIEW.

Ready To-morrow.

No. 6.—VOL. VI.

OF THE

CHINA REVIEW

CONTAINS

Tabular View of the Officials composing the Chinese Provincial Governments.

Imperial Confucianism.

Brief Sketches from the Life of K'ung Ming.

Chinese Allegory.

The Concise Dictionary of Chinese.

The Coran Language.

Tao Kwei 狂子規 Rules for Sons and Younger Brothers.

Short Notices of New Books and Literary Intelligence.

Notes and Queries—

In Memoriam.

Were You and Shun Historical Persons?

Whirlwind at Canton.

Ecology.

Kraat.

Books Wanted, Bicyclists, &amp;c.

Chow Mai Office, Hongkong, July 8, 1878.

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SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

July 7, Anadyr, French steamer, 1800.

Moresby, Marseilles June 2, Naples 4, Port Said 8, Suez 10, Aden 16, Gallo 23, Singapore 26, and Saigon July 4, Malls and General.—MESSAGENES MARTIN.

July 7, Fuyer, Chinese steamer, 920, A. G. S. N. Co.

July 7, Chinkiang, British steamer, 700.

E. M. Orr, Shanghai July 6, General.

SIEGMUND &amp; CO.

July 7, Bellona, German steamer, 788, F. Ahrens, Saigon July 3, Rice.—W. P. LEW &amp; CO.

July 8, Esmeralda, British steamer, 305.

Colles, Manila July 5, General.—H. H. W.

CO.

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The Band and "The 74th Highlanders" will perform on the Parade Ground, tomorrow night, commencing at 9 p.m. The following is the programme:—

"BAND."  
March ..... Almeda ..... Buchanan.  
Overture, ... La pre aux Clercs, ..... Herold.  
Selection, Princes de Trebisonda, Offenbach.  
Valse, ... prins, yule Spring, ..... Riviere.  
Selections of Meyerbeer, ..... Remond.  
Galop, ..... Arietta, ..... Gungl.

Ma J. BUCHANAN, Band Master.  
PIPPERS.

March, ..... Allen Grange.  
Do, ..... Elliot Scott.  
Do, ..... Ellen Owen.  
Do, ..... Cam by Athole.  
Do, ..... The Gray Buck.

J. HALL, Pipe Major.

The presentation cup intended as a memento from the old pupils of the Government Central School to Mr Stewart, the head master, and inspector of schools, is now on view at the City Hall Museum; it is also an address on satin measuring 12 feet by 4. These handsome presents are well worth a visit. The cup, which is a massive piece of plate beautifully engraved and of very chaste and artistic workmanship, is surrounded by the figure of a mandarin bearing in his hand a scroll with the inscription

[REDACTED], which, being interpreted, means "May Heaven shower abundant blessings upon you." The cup rests upon the backs of a bird, deer, and monkey; the space in the centre being filled with flowers, fruit, and insects in frosted silver and gilt. The silver pedestal is hexagonal in form and bears the names of the 136 donors in Chinese and an inscription in English and Chinese as follows: "Presented to Frederick Stewart Esq., M.A., Head Master & Inspector of Schools by the old Chinese pupils of the Government Central School, Hongkong 1878." It weighs 154 tael and 5 moe, and is valued at \$400. It was made at Canton and speaks well for the skill of the artisan and the good taste of the designer. The address is on satin measuring 12 feet by 4, the borders being formed of birds and flowers, embroidered by hand, and the centre, the address and the names of the donors. There are also two scrolls, one to go on each side of the address.

We glean the following from an Australian file which came to hand per S.S. *Thales*:—The *Herald* gives a short account of a scheme which has been set on foot to establish a trade in wool with China and Japan, and the S.S. *Thales* has on board cases of the staples for distribution amongst the principal manufacturers and merchants in Japan. A letter by an asylum physician to the *Times* will also be found of some interest at the present moment in Hongkong, as it refers to the responsibility of criminal lunatics for their actions. A bold attempt at fraud has been very cleverly frustrated at Baltimore. A brigantine named the *Alexia* put into Baltimore loaded with coffee and hides. The vessel's papers appeared to be in order, the cargo was landed, and a gentleman of good address who set himself up as the owner of the cargo endeavoured to raise \$60,000 on it. The firm with whom he had dealings, however, became suspicious, and it was subsequently discovered through enquiries set on foot that the vessel was the *Alice* belonging to a firm of St. John's, N.B. The owner of the cargo and Captain and crew of the vessel were found to have vanished.

(*London Express*, May 31st.)

Sir John Simla, Chief Justice of Hongkong, attended the dinner of the Secretary of State for the Colonies in celebration of Her Majesty's birthday.

The troops in *Himalaya* has been ordered round to Fortonam, for the purpose of embarking a fresh crew for the *Audacious*, flagship of Vice-Admiral Bailyar, in command of the China Squadron. The *Audacious* was commissioned at Chatham on the 1st of September, 1874, and it is not deemed expedient at the present time to bring her home to pay off.

The United States Senate has passed a concurrent resolution declaring that the provisions of the existing treaty allowing unrestricted emigration from China to the States might wisely be modified in the interest of both Governments, and calling the attention of the Executive to the subject.

The military attaché of the Japanese Embassy, M. for Taro Katsura, has been recalled by his Government, and has left Berlin for Yokohama. It is reported no military officer will be attached to the Embassy for the future.

The report recently current to the effect that diplomatic relations between Germany and China were on the point of being broken off has been officially contradicted. It cannot, however, be denied that German relations with China are at present not maintained on the most cordial footing, the Chinese Government having evaded its promise to enter into negotiations for the abolition of the "Lekin" dues. An audience made by the Chinese Ambassador at Berlin to enter into negotiations on this subject is said to have failed, the Ambassador not being in possession of the necessary authority.

*Hamburg*, May 28.—The first rush after the setting in of westerly winds being over shipping during the last week has gone on upon only a moderate scale. The arrivals have been numerous, but have included very few transatlantic ships. From the Far East I have to report only one arrival, the *Zurgen*, Wend, from Hongkong, and one departure, the *Norden*, ss., Captain Boyzen, for Hongkong. The latter vessel is under charter of the Deutsche Dampfschiffahrtsgesellschaft, as all their own vessels at present are in Chinese waters, waiting for the new tea, or are on their voyage home. The only steamer of that line at present in Europe is the *Galicia*, which will leave for the usual route on the 2nd of June. In vessel on the berth no alteration has taken place.

#### Police Intelligence.

(Both Magistrates sitting.)

16 July, 1878.

#### BUTTERKNIFE.

Thomas Gates and John Ball, seamen of British barque *Alma*, were charged with being drunk, and creating a disturbance. The first defendant was arrested through the exertions of Mr. William Cook Edwards, who was aroused by cries of murder, and on going into the street saw the first defendant kissing a man, who was lying in the road. The first defendant was fined \$1, and the second \$2.

#### SUPERIOR.

Fung Afuk, a coolie, was charged with being found in possession of a piece of chain, which he had concealed in his hat. The defendant was remanded until the 12th instant, to enable him to point out where he got the chain, and to await H. E. the Governor's instructions regarding prosecuting the defendant for returning from deportation.

#### COUNTERFEIT COIN.

Chan Acheung, a marine hawker, was sent to six months' hard labour for attempting to pass a piece of metal, which he pretended was a piece of broken silver. The warning voice of a passer by, said to the shopkeeper who was about to give change, "Take care, this man habitually passes bad money." The defendant was taken to the station, and three pieces of similar base metal were subsequently found on the ground where the defendant had been standing. There were several previous convictions against the defendant, who said he always got into trouble because he did not know good money from bad.

#### ASSAULTING THE POLICE.

Fung Afuk, a chair oocie, was fined \$1 for assaulting Chinese Constable No. 228, because he moved his bucket, to get a drink of water from the hydrant near Dr. Ayres' house.

#### CORRESPONDENCE.

DAVE CARSON AND "THE CHINA MAIL" VERSUS "AN OLD THESPIAN."

To the Editor of the "CHINA MAIL."

July 8, 1878.

Sr.—Dave Carson's communication in your Saturday evening's paper will surprise nobody who has any acquaintance with the respectable class of itinerants to which that gentleman belongs. In the others hand, the supplementary paragraph you are pleased to publish for the purpose of whitewashing the negro minstrel, will do more than astonish and amuse many of your readers. The effect your remarks had on myself personally, it would be hardly worth while attempting to describe, as the feeling of contempt which their personal first inspired me with has already toned down to languid indifference. Before favoring Mr. Carson with the information which he asks for so persistently, and also with a few particulars which he does not specially request, I may as well dispose of your attack as briefly as possible.

In the first place you state that my "sure criticism" was in several particulars unfair, attacking particularly to the *reputation* of local hits. To the assertion that my critical remarks, or any portion of them, could be honestly or fairly considered "severe," I give a most emphatic and unequivocal denial, and challenge yourself or any impartial person acquainted with such matters in Hongkong, to point out a single line in my critique of the performance in question, which was on the side of severity, to the unjustifiable and most offensive expression that I ave publicly to particularise or criticise which were "unfair," "I leave it to yourself either to publicly retract such an unfounded calumny, or to detail in the "several particulars" in which I wronged Mr. Carson so grievously, so that I may at least speak in my own defence. Indulging in feasible speculations is usually the easier and safer course for a literary man to follow when he is supposed to be enlightening the public on a subject with which he is entirely unacquainted; but when a direct attack is made on a man's personal honor vague plausibilities will not answer the purpose. You must not forget, Mr. Editor, that Dave Carson and the members of his troupe are public performers, amenable to public criticism, and so long as the critic's pen is used with an impartial hand, true artists will accept, without protest, advice, suggestions, praise, or censure as the case may be.

In reply to Mr. Carson's queries as to "Who is an Old Thespian?" I trust he will be satisfied with the explanation, that the person referred to can lay claim to 16 years' practical experience in the Dramatic, Musical, and Critical circles of the first cities in Great Britain, which, it will probably be conceded, is a sufficiently long and valid apprenticeship to justify his presumption in critically reviewing such an entertainment as Mr. Dave Carson's. If this does not satisfy Carson, I regret that for reasons of business which he may not be able to comprehend, or not unlike him by appending my professional appendix to this letter.

The criticisms which afforded Mr. Carson the opportunity of favouring me with a choice selection of undeserved abuse, according to his letter, are as follows:—

1. My allusion to Mr. Arnold's voice as a bass instead of a baritone.

2. The singing and accompaniment of the ballad "Nancy Lee."

3. The Bengalee Baboo.

4. Local hits.

Let us fairly examine these subjects, and the public will judge between us.

The patric quibble as to the difference between bass and baritones requires no further comment. Mr. Arnold's voice is admitted indeed an agreeable one.

When Dave asserts that I passed a slur on Mrs. Carson's accompaniment to "Nancy Lee" he wanders wide of the truth. Nothing was farther from my intention, and how any such construction can be placed on my remarks, I quite fail to see.

The accompaniment, which is what is technically termed a running accompaniment, was open to improvement." Where is the "slur" in the preceding sentence? Why, Arabella Goddard, the empress of living minstrels, would never think of disputing that her performances were susceptible of improvement, and yet we are gravely asked to believe that Mrs. Carson was so near perfect that any remarks on her playing were "totally uncalled for." Mr. Carson further asserts "there is not what is technically termed a running accompaniment in any part of the ballad," and in proof of which he sends you a copy of the same. It will perhaps be just as well to explain that in the original manuscript of my letter, the phrase "continuous accompaniment" was used, and I also stated that the lady indulged in a considerable amount of "vamping." With reference to the phrase "continuous accompaniment" (which Mr. Carson evidently does not understand) my authority for using it is a high one, no less a person than Stephen Adams, himself, whom I have heard sing the ballad in his own chambers repeatedly, long enough before it was sung in public, and as I have copies of "Nancy Lee" which the composer was kind enough to send me immediately after publication, I shall be glad to practically illustrate what appears difficult to explain in theory. There ought to have been no difference of opinion here had the gist of my criticism on this particular question not been unwisely omitted. Mrs. Carson appeared to accompany the various songs most satisfactorily, and in "Nancy Lee" she no doubt introduced the air in the first verse in the manner she did (technically termed "vamping") with the good-natured intention of assisting Mr. Norville. As to the observation that critical remarks "were uncalled for," it will probably be conceded that a representative of the public is much better judge on that head than Mr. Dave Carson.

In my former letter, in commenting on the disappointment suffered by myself and others, I contented myself with writing—"If Mr. Carson could not appear as 'The Bengalee Baboo' it was his business to advise the community of that fact before

"Our words were 'rather' severe criti- cism."

Our Correspondent does not put the proper construction on the word "unfair." The sense in which we used the word was that in several particulars "Thespian's" remarks concerning the performance were not accurate and therefore unfair to Mr. Carson. In regard to the expression, or equivalent, "ribald buffoonery," applied by our Correspondent to Mr. Carson's allusions to local masters, we go even farther and say that such an expression, thus used, was not only incorrect, but slightly in-

Baronets, Knights, Malacca-ja, and "An Id Theopian" comprise the notabilities he has honored. From all these persons with the single exception of the cankered "Thespian," Dave has received nothing but the highest praise for his endeavours to amuse them, and "concoction" only failed with the incorrigible one, because he happened to be suffering from biliousness. Mr. Carson's critics during his 17 years

of life must have been of the "damned good natured sort," of whom the late lamented Mr. Pope wrote so eloquently.

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each of the 3 following kinds of Oil can be  
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2500 " " 1st March, 1879.

The Oil as it is delivered will be measur-  
ed at the Custom House and 14 Imperial  
gallons will be taken to weigh 1 picul, and  
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sample in a clear glass bottle of not less  
quantity than half a pint.

No Tender will be accepted on any other  
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Commissioner of Customs.

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SPECIAL RESERVE FUND, £104,000  
Total Capital and accumula-  
tions this date, £1,764,000

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- From Gas Works to the Novelty Iron Works.
- From Novelty Iron Works to the Harbour Master's Office.
- From Harbour Master's to the P. and O. Co.'s Office.
- From P. and O. Co.'s Office to Pedder's Wharf.
- From Pedder's Wharf to the Naval Yard.
- From Naval Yard to the Pier.
- From Pier to East Point.

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